

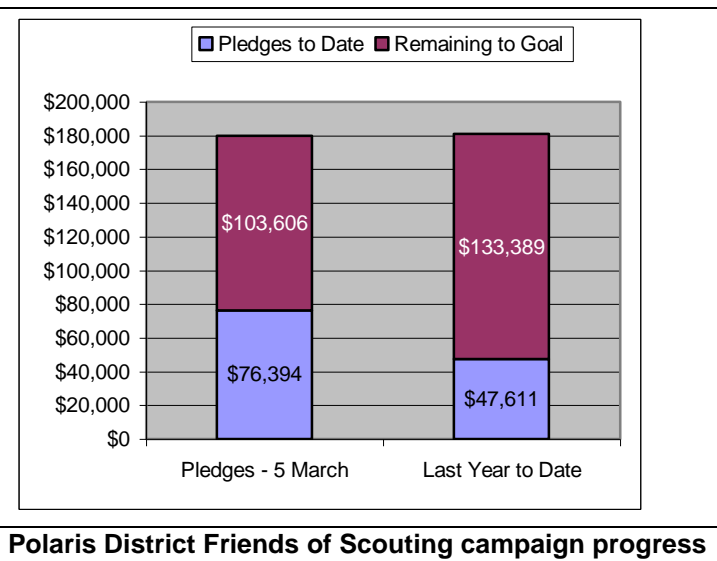


Welcome to the Polaris Star, the monthly Roundtable minutes and Polaris newsletter. You will be able to find out what the Polaris district committee is doing as well as upcoming events in your area!

## Friends of Scouting

Our 2010 Friends of Scouting (FOS) campaign is already off to a great start. Pledges are ahead of this time last year with a total of \$76,394. But, we still have a long way to go to meet our goal. Eleven units are already over 100% of their unit goal. We're looking forward to seeing many more units meet that threshold in the next few months. Success in the FOS campaign is a key source of funding to the council's programs.

You still have plenty of time to join in by committing to a booth or to ticket sales. Tickets for sale can be picked up at the March Roundtable or at the Council Service Center. For each \$10 ticket sold, your unit earns \$3 commission. You may reserve a booth by filling out and returning a Unit Participation form. Please contact Polaris Scout-o-Rama Chair Peter Wong at 408-733-5728 or [peter.wong@lmco.com](mailto:peter.wong@lmco.com) for further information.



## Cub and Webelos Camp – 2010: 100 Years of Adventure!

No Cub Left Indoors! The Adventure Begins! Pack and Den registration begins March 27<sup>th</sup> at our special 2010 Summer Cub Camp Enrollment Day Event. This event, being held from 9:00 AM to 11:00 AM at Stanley's at Sharks Ice, is your chance to get first choice of a camp. Sharks Ice is at 1550 S Tenth Street, San Jose. See the Cub Camping Website <http://www.scccbsa.org/cubcamp> for more information on this event. Special early bird rates are available on March 27 only; Pack Camping Coordinators should plan to place camp reservations on that day.

If you need to schedule an FOS presentation for your unit, please contact the Polaris District Friends of Scouting Chair, Andy Brockman. Andy can be reached by email at [andy.brockman@gmail.com](mailto:andy.brockman@gmail.com) or by phone at 408-373-9943.

See the Cub Camping Website <http://www.scccbsa.org/cubcamp> for information on the new options available for your Cub including Polaris District's own Stevens Creek camp. This day camp is being held 2-6 August. New this summer at Chesebrough Scout Reservation – three weeks of day camp, includes lunch, extended hours and optional bus transportation. Plus, if a parent can't attend, Cubs can attend as a provisional camper.

## Scout-o-Rama

Scout-o-Rama is coming 8 May. Once more, Scout-o-Rama is being held at History Park in San Jose. So, save the date! Now is the perfect time for your Pack, Troop, or Crew to start picking out a booth theme/concept. Make sure that your Scouts have the opportunity to attend the single most active Scouting day of the year. New at Scout-O-Rama this year is a push cart derby. Seventeen of your fellow Polaris District units have already committed to participate by attending, hosting a booth, and selling Scout-o-Rama ticket booklets as a fundraiser.

Following the registration event, the Council Service Center is accepting additional Pack and Den registrations until the sessions are completely filled.

This is an exciting opportunity for your son or sons to experience the outdoors while taking part in the many activities offered at each of the camps. These activities include crafts, games, archery, BB guns, sports, and Scout skills. There are opportunities to earn belt loops, pins, and activity badges.

## Spring Recruiting

Just as this is the Chinese year of the tiger, so too is it the year of the Tiger for Spring recruiting. Recruiting new youth at Tiger Cubs now ensure a healthy flow of Cubs through your unit for years to come.

Three incentives are being offered for meeting Spring recruiting goals. Every newly registered youth receives a special "Year of the Tiger" patch. Every newly registered youth earns one free admission to any 2010 Council Family Camp (siblings and parents must still pay). If your pack gains a Tiger Den, or if your troop/crew works with a pack on 2010 Spring recruitment and achieves 2% growth over June 2009 in membership, your unit leadership earn two "Year of the Tiger" council shoulder patches (CSPs).

To help ensure recruiting success, the council is offering special recruiting training. At Spring Recruitment training, your pack membership coordinator learns:

- How to be more effective with Cub Scout recruitment
- How to cultivate more leadership from new and existing parents
- Many helpful hints and resources that contribute to making your pack stronger.

Spring Recruitment training is offered:

- Thursday, Mar 18th 2010 – 7:00 PM – 8:00 PM, or
- Saturday, Mar 20th 2010 – 9:00 AM – 10:00 AM

Both classes are held at the Council Service Center.

Start planning now for your Pack's recruiting event during Spring Recruiting from 10 May through 21 May. For more information, contact Teresa Lorenzen, Polaris District Spring Recruitment Chairman, at [teresa.lorenzen@bsa566.com](mailto:teresa.lorenzen@bsa566.com).

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## Polaris Email Group

The Polaris District Email group is used to send this monthly Roundtable Reminder, our monthly newsletter "The Polaris Star" and between 3 and 7 special announcements a month. You can join the group if you would like to stay in the loop on all that is happening in the Polaris District. If you know a fellow Polaris Scouter who is not a member of the list, please invite them to join.

If you are not currently on the Polaris Yahoo Group mailing list and would like to receive the Star each month, please subscribe to our list by sending an email to the following address:

[SCCC-Polaris-RD-subscribe@yahoo.com](mailto:SCCC-Polaris-RD-subscribe@yahoo.com)

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## 2009 Centennial Quality Unit Awards

Congratulations to the units that earned the Centennial Quality Unit award for 2009. This award is a testament to your commitment to provide an outstanding program to the youth of the communities that we serve.

The Polaris District recipients for 2009 are:

Pack	Troop	Crew
406	127	443
408	400	479
411	407	494
415	408	
419	443	
433	452	
436	453	
443	454	
452	457	
453	463	
457	466	
462	468	
476	476	
492	479	
499	485	
505	494	
508	495	
522	498	
566	508	
581	535	
599	566	
606	581	
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## Upcoming Events

Mark your calendars with these district and council events:

Date	Event
March 18	Spring Recruitment training
March 20	Spring Recruitment training
March 27	Cub Camp Registration Event
April 15-18	Northern California Jamboree
April 24	Cub Scout Water Rocket Derby
May 6	Community Leadership Breakfast for Friends of Scouting
May 7	Miwok Lodge Dinner
May 8	Scout-O-Rama
May 10-21	Spring Recruiting

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## Polaris District Committee

Position	Name
District Chairman	Kathi Lucas
District Executive	Tracey Devereux
District Commissioner	Bob Wedig
Membership Chair	Steve Nguyen
Finance Chair	Debbie Jancis
Program Chair	Jonathan Leder
Activities Chair	Jill Lin / Jean Long
Advancement Chair	Wendy Glasser
Camping Chair	Lillie Yee-Fong
Training Chair	Jerry McMillan
Cub Scout Training Chair	Paul Jancis
Boy Scout Training Chair	Thomas Su
Venturing Training Chair	<i>Vacant</i>
Public Relations Chair	Mark Ellson
OA Chapter Advisor	John Lucas
Boy Scout RT Commissioner	Larry Grace
Cub Scout RT Commissioner	Tad Davis
Venturing RT Commissioner	Ken Bower
Pinewood Derby Chair	Melissa Garnica
Scout-O-Rama Chair	Peter Wong
Scouting-for-Food Chair	<i>Vacant</i>
MB Counselor Training Chair	David Ashby
District Dinner Chair	<i>Vacant</i>
Cub Camp Chair	Cathy Bobier
Friends of Scouting Family Chair	Andy Brockman
Friends of Scouting CASA Co-Chair	Arthur Chih
Friends of Scouting CASA Co-Chair	CS Goh
Membership Team	Mary Enright
Advancement Team	Sally Erickson
Spring Recruitment Chair	Teresa Lorenzen
Advancement Team	Will Smith
Cub Scout Training Team	Steve Walters
Webelos to Scout Transition Chair	Debbie Ward

All e-mail addresses can be found through the Council by contacting Tracey Devereux at 408-280-5088 ext 55.

## February Roundtable Recap

To be successful, Roundtable needs the participation of each of our units. We are asking that Cub leaders who are moving up to Boy Scouts please bring their pack's incoming leaders to the next Roundtable on 10 March.

Thanks again to all our participants! To be successful, Roundtable needs the participation of each of our units. We would like to thank the following units for their attendance at the January Roundtable:

### UnitType [Participants]

**Packs** 409, 415 [2], 443, 444, 450 [2], 452, 457 [2], 476, 480, 499, 505 [2], 508, 522, 581

18 leaders from 14 of 35 packs for 40% of our packs represented

**Troops** 407 [2], 408, 443, 452 [4], 453 [2], 454, 463, 466, 468, 476 [2], 485 [2], 494 [2], 495 [3], 498, 508 [2], 566, 606

28 leaders from 17 of 24 troops for 71% of our troops represented

Please join us in celebrating the following First-Timers and Roundtable Anniversaries:

Name	Position	Unit
<b>First Timers</b>		
Sally Brett	Assistant Scoutmaster	T443
Bo Xie		T485
Mike Benkert	Den Leader	P409
Alisa Scherer	Assistant Cubmaster	P450
Wayne Lin	Scoutmaster	T454
<b>10th RT Attended</b>		
James Liu	Committee Chairman	P499
<b>25th RT Attended</b>		
Jerry McMillan	Assistant Scoutmaster	T566
<b>50th RT Attended</b>		
Bobby Toda		Council

Thank you to all of our FOS contributors for helping to make Roundtable possible! A small part of each FOS contribution is used to fund the crafts and activities presented at Roundtable.

# March Cub Scout Roundtable

Now is the time for packs to be working on transitioning in new leaders. So, if you are moving up to Boy Scouts soon, please bring your replacement to Roundtable. This helps them make connections with our District's best resources – the leaders of neighboring Packs.

## March RT Agenda: April's Theme: Spring In To Action

This month is a good time to spring into action with outdoor activities such as hikes; sports and games; cleaning up litter along ponds, parks or roadsides; or planting trees for improved habitat. Make plaster casts of the animal tracks you find on your hike. Visit and talk with someone who works with wildlife conservation. As part of your Good Turn for America, take along food and supplies that they might need. Build birdhouses, birdbaths, feeding stations, or boxes for nesting materials. Do a community-service project with your chartered organization to show your positive attitude in doing your best. This would be a good month to work on the Wildlife Conservation belt loop and pin.

## March Roundtable Activities:

**Opening** Opening Spring / Ring Puzzle

**Song** Springtime in the Alaska (Rockies)

## Games

The Spring Thing Challenge

Slinky Dog Agility Race

Rope Bridge

Rattleshake Eggs

## Puzzle of the Month

## Pack Leader Breakouts

### Pack Committee

Summertime Pack Award

Camping

### Cubmaster Breakout

Polarized tube with bead

Pizazz

### Tiger-Bear Den Leaders Breakout

Catapult

Growing (Chia House)

Window Sill Garden

Potato Bonsai?

### Webelos Den Leaders Breakout

Sportsman

Family Member

**District Executive/Chairman** News and upcoming events

## Cubmaster Minute

Please check your "Program Helps", Pow-Wow book and "Cub Scout How To" book for additional theme ideas. Roundtable

would love to hear about theme related activities that our units are planning and would like to share!

## April RT Agenda: May's Theme: In The Spotlight

Its time to perform and be in the spotlight! Dens can make musical instruments to be used in the pack meeting variety show. The variety show could include skits, songs, puppet shows, magic tricks - you name it. Have the boys and their families participate in the variety show and record the show. Dens can create posters announcing the show and make programs listing the acts. "Commercials" could be videotaped during den meetings and shown between acts. Involve the parents. Take a photo for the local newspaper or a video clip for the local TV station and put Cub Scouting in the spotlight. Visit a television, radio, or cable station to see how they produce shows. Attend a play or musical production. Work on the Music belt loop and pin.

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# March Boy Scout Roundtable

"Every Scout deserves a trained leader!" We hear that over and over. This month's Boy Scout Roundtable is the time to learn more about what it really means.

Do you know about "NLE"? Do you know what "OLS" means? Do you know what the Troop Committee Challenge is? March is the time to learn what each of these, and other, adult training courses contain. You learn how to obtain knowledge and skills that help you provide the best program for the Scouts in your troop.

In addition, you will find out about on-line training courses and how to go about taking them. We also address ensuring that you obtain credit for course completion.

So, whether you are just ready for "Fast Start Training" or are already trained but thinking about working into the Woodbadge course (or anywhere in between), come to the March Polaris Boy Scout Roundtable with your questions and/or experiences to share with all of our roundtable participants.

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# Venturing Roundtable Information

There is a separate **Venturing-specific roundtable** held each month. This Roundtable, focused on the needs of Venturing Crews, is a Council-wide event. The Venturing Roundtable is the first Tuesday of every month at the Council Service Center from 7:30 PM to 9:00 PM. The next Roundtable is Tuesday, 6 April.

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# "Every Boy Deserves a Trained Leader"

## **This Is Scouting**

"This is Scouting", the replacement for New Leader Essentials, is now online at <http://olc.scouting.org>. Make sure that your e-learning profile includes your BSA ID number so that your completed courses can be matched with your leader registration.

## **Cub Position Specific Training**

13 March – Council Service Center

1 May – Council Service Center

## **Basic Adult Leader Outdoor Orientation (BALOO) Training**

20 March – Camp Chesebrough

15 May – Camp Chesebrough

## **Outdoor Webelos Leader Training**

23-24 April – Camp Chesebrough

## **Boy Scout SM/ASM Leader Specific Training**

1 May – Council Service Center (Chinese)

15 May – Council Service Center

## **Introduction to Outdoor Leader Skills**

12-13 March – Camp Chesebrough

4-6 June – Camp Chesebrough

## **Troop Committee Challenge**

The Troop Committee Challenge is now available online @ <http://olc.scouting.org> (Please have your scout registration ID to log in. When completed, please notify Jerry McMillan so that he can verify your registration.)

## **Venturing Leader Specific**

3 April – Council Service Center

## **Bearpaw**

6 November (indoor)

## **High Adventure**

2-3 October (indoor)

6-7 November (outdoor)

## **Den Chief Training**

30 October – Council Service Center

## **Woodbadge**

2010 Course:

Orientation: 21 August

Weekend 1: 24-26 September

Weekend 2: 8-10 October

Reunion: 23 January

For additional information or to verify your "Trained" status, please contact Jerry McMillan.

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## **Note from the Editor**

Thank you for reading this issue of the Polaris Star. We hope that you have found it helpful and interesting. Please send items for inclusion in future issues of the Polaris Star to Mark Ellson at [mfellson@comcast.net](mailto:mfellson@comcast.net). The deadline for submissions for the April issue is 9 April. Earlier submissions are appreciated.

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